

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 443

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Coach Glenn McCadams, legendary football coach of the Lipscomb Academy Mustangs.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Glenn McCadams, one of the most beloved and renowned coaches in the history of high school football in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a teacher of character and faith, Glenn McCadams served for thirty-one years as the head football coach at David Lipscomb High School, now Lipscomb Academy, molding generations of young men into champions both on and off the gridiron; and

WHEREAS, a truly inspirational gentleman, Coach Mac was an iconic figure at Lipscomb, leading his teams to three state championships and earning recognition in 2008 as the Tennessee High School Football Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a native of Tennessee born in Huntingdon on March 4, 1947, Glenn McCadams developed a passion for the sport of football as a young man and was a standout athlete in high school where he played football before an injury ended his playing career; and

WHEREAS, switching to baseball and basketball, Coach McCadams continued to play basketball in college at Bethel College, now Bethel University, where he completed his undergraduate degree before going on to obtain his master's degree at the University of Tennessee-Martin; and

WHEREAS, Coach Glenn McCadams began his illustrious coaching career in 1967 as an assistant football coach at Milan High School under famed Coach John Tucker. After a nine-year tenure as an assistant, he accepted his first head coaching job at nearby Trenton Peabody High School where he compiled a 31-12 record over four seasons; and

WHEREAS, named Head Coach of the Lipscomb Mustangs in 1981, Coach Glenn McCadams established a winning tradition over the next thirty-one years as his teams won more

than 75 percent of their games, compiling a 283-94 record in his first thirty seasons, averaging nine wins per year including the regular seasons and playoffs; and

WHEREAS, boasting an overall career mark of 319-112, Coach McCadams led Lipscomb to state championship titles in Class AA in 1994 and 2002 and Class AAA in 1997. His mighty Mustangs participated in seven state title games and five bowl games as he took the program to twenty-one Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association playoffs, including eighteen consecutive playoff trips from 1993-2010, and twenty-seven trips to the post-season; and

WHEREAS, the legend of Coach Mac also lies beyond the statistics of football, as he built a program that excelled in producing winning teams by developing players whose grit and tenacity matched their coach – he respected and supported them and they in turn were deeply loyal to him, playing their hearts out every game; and

WHEREAS, former Mustang players fondly recall learning many things on the field that are invaluable to them today as Coach McCadams taught them that they had it within themselves to be better than they thought they could be, on the field and in life; and

WHEREAS, Glenn McCadams was exactly who you wanted coaching your kids, not because he would make them better athletes – which he did – but because he would make them better people. He was a far better person than he was a coach; and

WHEREAS, during his lifetime, Coach Glenn McCadams won the respect and admiration of his peers in the coaching ranks, the devotion of his players, and the hearts of countless Lipscomb fans and alumni across the nation and around the globe; and

WHEREAS, a truly special gentleman, Glenn McCadams should be remembered for his integrity, his loyalty to his family and friends, and his personal courage, which never failed in his battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. McCadams is survived by his wife of forty-three years, Alacia; their two children, Chip and Jill; and their seven grandchildren, Sam, Nate, Eli, Grace, Mary Frances, Abby, and Michael; and

WHEREAS, Glenn McCadams leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, seldom do gentlemen of his stature walk among us, and it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life and legacy of Glenn McCadams; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Glenn McCadams reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, illustrious coaching career, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. McCadams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.